

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES- Smt.K.Samrajyam, former CDPO (FAC), Mudhole, Adilabad District and now Retd. Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Ongole, Prakasam District - Non-supplying of 95 RTE foods bags to the Anganwadi Centers, Mudhole, Adilabad in time which were later spoiled - Departmental proceedings initiated under Rule - 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Inquiry Conducted- Charges Proved-Imposing the punishment of 5% cut in admissible pension for a period of three (03) years besides recovery of Rs.39,000/- under Rule - 9 of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980 - Orders - Issued.

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DEPTT FOR WOMEN,CHILDREN,DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS
(ESTT)

G.O.Rt.No.97.

Dated:- 15.09.2023
Read the following:-

01. Director, W.D. & C.W., A.P., Charge Memo.No. 6888/E3/95, dated 04-05-1995. (AoC).
02. Written Statement of Defense dated 02-07-1995 submitted by the Charged Officer. (AoC explanation).
03. Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Proc.No.6888/E3/1995, dated 12-10-1995. (Appointing Inquiry Officer).
04. Lr.No.A/796/95, Dated:18-12-1995, of the R.D.D, W.D. & C.W., Warangal, as Inquiry Officer, has submitted her report. (Inquiry Report).
05. Director, W.D. & C.W., Proc.No.6888/E3/95, dated 05-11-1997. (SCN while in service).
06. Director, W.D. & C.W., Proc.No.6888/E3/95, dated 04-03-1998. (Punishment orders while in service).
07. Hon'ble A.P.A.T final orders dated 31-12-2003 in O.A.No.1560/1998 with M.A.No.4392/98.
08. Director, W.D. & C.W., Proc.No.1632/Vig.2/2004-1, dated 07-02-2005. (Denovo Inquiry)
09. Director, W.D. & C.W., Proc.No.1632/Vig.2/2004-1, dated 17-12-2008. (Inquiry Officer appointed).
10. From the Director, W.D. & C.W., A.P., Lr.No.1632/Vig.2/2004, dated 11-08-2010.
11. Govt. Memo.No.4960/Estt.A2/2009-4, dated 27-08-2010.
12. Director, W.D. & C.W., Proc.No.1632/Vig.2/2004, dated 06-09-2010.
13. Govt. Memo.No.4960/Estt.A2/2009, dated 08-05-2015, 16-07-2015, 03-10-2015.
14. From Special Commissioner, W.D. & C.W., A.P., Lr.No.1632/V2/2004, dated 14-03-2016. (Exparte enquiry).
15. Govt. Memo.No.4960/Estt.A2/2009-9, dated 15-06-2016 and further reminders dated 16-07-2016, 18-05-2017, 05-09-2017, 27-01-2018. (Inquiry communicated).
16. Explanation dated:22-08-2016 of Smt. K. Samrajyam, Project Director, D.W. & C.D.A., Ongole (Retired).

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17. From Special Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Lr.No. 1632/E1/ 2004, dated 25-04-2019.
18. Govt. Memo.No.4960/Estt.A2/2009-15, dated 28-08-2019. (SCN).
19. From the Secretary, APPSC, File No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/36/2023-DC-SEC-APPSC (Comp No.2026275), Dt:27.04.2023.

ORDER:- The Director, W.D. & C.W., A.P., has informed that the Programme Officer, Adilabad has reported that 250 bags of RTE food were not supplied to the Anganwadi Centres of Mudhole ICDS Project, in time due to negligence of Smt. K. Samrajyam, In-charge CDPO, Mudhole, due to which 95 bags were spoiled and not fit for human consumption and therefore requested for taking necessary action against the said CDPO. In pursuance of the preliminary report, Article of Charges were issued to Smt. K. Samrajyam, In-charge CDPO, Mudhole, under Rule – 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide reference 1st read above. The Charged Officer in her explanation vide reference 2nd read above, has denied the charges. Therefore, the Director, WD & CW., Govt., of A.P., had appointed Regional Deputy Director., W.D. & C.W., Warangal, as Inquiry Officer under Rule – 20 (3) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide reference 3rd read above. The Inquiry Officer, has submitted her Inquiry report, concluding that due to negligence and carelessness of Smt. K. Samrajyam, in-charge CDPO, Mudhole, 95 Rice bags were Spoiled and hence, the cost of which may be recovered from the Charged Officer. Further, during the enquiry, the Inquiry Officer had observed another irregularity made by Smt. K. Samrajyam, In-charge CDPO, Mudhole, had drawn an amount of Rs.39,000/- towards transportation of 95 RTE spoiled food bags as there was no need to draw the transportation charges for the spoiled food. After examining the Inquiry report, another Charge Memo. on one count was issued by the Director, WD & CW., A.P., to Smt. K. Samrajyam, In-charge CDPO, Mudhole. The Director, W.D. & C.W., A.P., has issued a Show Cause Notice and the Charged Officer had submitted her explanation.

2. The Director, W.D. & C.W., A.P., had issued final orders, imposing the punishment of stoppage of one AGI with cumulative effect besides recovery of Rs.35,083/- towards the cost of spoiled food and excess amount drawn towards transportation vide reference 6th read above. The Hon'ble APAT in its final orders in O.A.No.1560/98 with M.A.No.4392/98, has set aside the orders issued vide reference 6th read above, imposing the punishment of stoppage of one AGI with cumulative effect etc., on the plea that the Charged Officer was not asked to attend the Inquiry and advised that the respondents are at liberty to take action strictly in accordance with rules, duly following the procedure prescribed under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. In compliance of the above orders, the Director, W.D. & C.W., A.P., has decided to conduct a "de novo" enquiry from the point of view of where CCA Rules are violated in this case.

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3. The Director, W.D. & C.W., A.P., has also stated that the Officer has already retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation and therefore, requested the Government to initiate disciplinary proceedings under Rule - 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. The Special Commissioner, W.D. & C.W., A.P., vide reference 14th cited, has forwarded a copy of ex-parte inquiry report to the Govt. for taking further action in the matter.

4. Government after careful examination of the matter and after following due procedure, have decided to impose the penalty of 5% cut in admissible pension for a period of three years besides recovery of Rs.39,000/- towards recovery of financial loss caused to the State's Exchequer in respect of Smt. K. Samrajyam, former CDPO [FAC], ICDS Project, Mudhole, Adilabad, P.D., D.W. & C.D.A., Ongole (Retired), as the charges are held proved.

5. The Director, WD&CW, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

G. JAYALAKSHMI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.,

To

1. Smt. K. Samrajyam, former CDPO [FAC], ICDS Project, Mudhole, Adilabad and retired P.D., D.W. & C.D.A., Ongole (through the Director, WD&CW).

2. The Commissioner, WD&CW, A.P.,

Copy to:-

3. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.

4. The Accountant General (A&E) A.P, Hyderabad.

5. The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Anjaneya Towers, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.

6. The Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat

7. SF/SC

\\FORWARDED BY ORDER\\

K. Suneetha
SECTION OFFICER